

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Los Angeles, California 90012

Chief Administrative Officer County Librarian Auditor-Controller

At its meeting held February 15, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

"The Florence library was recently selected to receive an extraordinary federal grant, for a Community Learning Center at the library, in the amount of \$272,800. In response to feedback that we provided to the office of Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, 39th Congressional District, about the educational and literacy needs in the Florence area, we were notified that the library will receive a noncompetitive award from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

"This grant will fund a three year program at the Florence library, establishing a Community Learning Center to serve the growing need for early reading readiness, educational support services and after school homework assistance programs for the unincorporated Florence community. The center will have an upgraded homework area with new equipment, materials and furnishings to serve more students with staff to assist them. The new center will also include more computers to respond to community demand which will provide faster access to information and enhance computer literacy skills. In addition, the library will continue to provide programs with a focus on children and families, however with more of an emphasis on prereading, emergent literacy materials and programs, also better homework support services.

"I am very pleased that the County library has received this Federal funding to improve services to our residents in the vital areas of reading and information seeking skills."

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Molina being absent), the Board took the following actions:

- 1. Authorized the County Librarian to:
  - Execute an application for the Institute of Museum and Library Services award in the amount of \$272,800 for establishing a Community Learning Center to serve the growing need for early reading readiness, educational support services and after school homework assistance programs for the unincorporated Florence community;
  - Act on the County's behalf regarding the completion of all documents relating to the project as may be required under the conditions of the grant program;
  - Expend the funds as necessary for the completion of the project and to meet the conditions of the grant; and
  - Accept the grant upon notification of award from the Institute of Museum and Library Services; and
- 2. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer and the Auditor-Controller to process the necessary appropriation adjustments during the term of the grant to add the grant funds to the Library's budget, upon receipt of grant revenue.

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